

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

January 8, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Financial Management Members Present: Commissioners Roger Stewart, Jack Vincent, James H. Westbrook, Dick Phebus, Houston Patrick, Richard Barber, and Kermit Hopper.

Others Present: Susan Collins-Clerk & Master and a representative from the Dresden Enterprise.

The Financial Management Committee met on January 8, 2007, 4:00 p.m. in the small conference room the Weakley County Department of Finance. Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

Mr. Hopper made the motion to approve the October 17, 2006 minutes. Commissioner Phebus seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tax Sale

Susan Collins spoke to the committee regarding the recent County tax sale. She stated that the problem arises from the County purchasing the surplus land property and there has been no court order received from the county attorney to remove the property from the tax roles. Mrs. Collins stated that the Chancery Judge must have a court order to remove backed taxes off the tax role.

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to request the County Mayor to instruct the county attorney to formulate a court order to settle the matter and remove the backed taxes off the Clerk & Masters' books. Commissioner Phebus seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

County Attorney

Chairman Stewart stated the recommendation from the County Attorney Search Committee was to recommend Jeff Washburn. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to accept the County Attorney Search Committee's recommendation of Jeff Washburn. Mr. Hopper seconded the motion. Commissioner Vincent questioned the ability of Mr. Washburn to serve Weakley County and two other cities simultaneously, the experience of two years of professional legal service, and his experience with county governments. Commissioner Westbrook responded stating if the matter arose between these two cities and the county; then a different attorney would be used. Problems have been with the current attorney of timeliness and procrastination. Discussion continued. Chairman Stewart stated that whoever is chosen; the county attorney would be reviewed on a semi-annual basis by the committee in conjunction with the county officials. Question was called for. Roll call vote was taken. Five members voting Yes, and two members voting No, being Commission Stewart and Commissioner Vincent. Motion passed and will send recommendation for Jeff Washburn to serve as the

county attorney to the county commission.

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Francisco,
Director of Finance

Approved:

Roger Stewart, Chairman
Financial Management Committee

Date: _____